

bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Norwood, Shadegg, and Dingell. **Page H10090**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 117 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Oxley, Bachus, and Frank of Massachusetts.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of secs. 127–129 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: King of New York, Weldon of Pennsylvania, and Ms. Zoe Lofgren.

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Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1751, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, by a yea and nay vote of 375 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 585.

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Rejected the Higgins motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 584.

Pages H10106, H10107–08

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner Manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that clarifies that the death penalty shall apply only where death results and covers only those offenders who qualify as principals in the killing. In addition, the amendment makes eligible tribal courts for court security grants. Also corrects drafting of coordination requirement between U.S. Marshals and Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts on security measures;

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Cuellar amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that adds a category of preferential consideration for witness protection grants. The new category will add another tool for border prosecutors to encourage witnesses to testify against cross-border crimes;

Pages H10101–02

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that requires the Attorney General to work, through the Office of Justice Programs, to make grants to the highest State courts in States participating in the threat assessment database;

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Filner amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) which adds the following grant guideline for young witness assistance, "support for young wit-

nesses who are trying to leave a criminal gang and information to prevent initial gang recruitment.";

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Weiner amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that ensures that courts are authorized to apply directly to the Federal government for law enforcement grants; and

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King of Iowa amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that allows any justice or judge of the United States, any judge of a court created under Article I of the United States Constitution, any bankruptcy judge, any magistrate judge, any United States Attorney, and any other officer or employee of the Department of Justice whose duties include representing the U.S. in a court of law, to carry firearms subject to training and regulation as prescribed by the Attorney General.

Pages H10104–05

Rejected:

Scott of Virginia amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that sought to replace all mandatory minimum sentences with higher maximum sentences; and

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Scott of Virginia amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that sought to remove the death penalty for the killing of Federally funded public safety officers (by a recorded vote of 97 yeas to 325 noes, Roll No. 583).

Pages H10101, H10105–06

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 540, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 579, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

Pages H10053–56, H10057–58

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10058.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H10056, H10056–57, H10057–58, H10081–82, H10082–83, H10083, H10105–06, H10107–08, and H10108. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development,

and Related Agencies held a joint hearing on Natural Gas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Guy Caruso, Director, Energy Information Administration; and David K. Garman, Under Secretary, Energy Science and Environment; P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, OMB, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY'S PRIME VENDOR PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Defense Logistics Agency's Prime Vendor Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and VADM Keith W. Lippert, USN, Director, Defense Logistics Agency.

REGIONAL POWERS' THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Armed Services: Regional Powers Panel held a hearing on regional powers' threats to the United States' interests. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of the Navy: VADM Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., USN (ret.), former Deputy and Chief of Staff, Atlantic Fleet and former Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet; and RADM James F. Sigler, USN (ret.), former Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet and Former Director, Plans and Policy, U.S. Central Command.

INTERNET PROTOCOL AND BROADBAND SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on a proposal to create a statutory framework for Internet Protocol and Broadband Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL DATA PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Julie Brill, Assistant Attorney General, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES APPEALS COURT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied: A Case for a Federal Employees Appeals Court." Testimony was heard from Neil A. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Dale Cabaniss, Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority; and

Cari Dominguez, Chair, EEOC; and a public witness.

RESPONDING TO CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services held a joint hearing entitled "Responding to Catastrophic Events: the Role of the Military and National Guard in Disaster Response." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary; and ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; MG Richard J. Rowe, Jr., USA, Director of Operations, U.S. Northern Command; and LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WHITE HOUSE IRAQ GROUP

Committee on International Relations: Ordered adversely reported H. Res. 505, Requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the White House Iraq Group.

GERMANY AFTER THE ELECTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on Germany After the Election: Implications for Germany, Europe and U.S.-German Relations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ILLICIT DRUG TRANSIT ZONE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Illicit Drug Transit Zone in Central America. Testimony was heard from RADM Jeffrey J. Hathaway, USCG, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Michael A. Braun, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of the Judiciary; and Jonathan D. Farrar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by VADM Guillermo E. Barrera, Chief of Naval Operations, National Navy of Colombia.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3889, amended, Methamphetamine Epidermic Elimination Act of 2005; H.R. 2791, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2005; and H.R. 3729, amended, To provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 5—Judicial Evolution of the Retrogression Standard. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFF-RESERVATION INDIAN GAMING

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Second Discussion Draft of Legislation Off-Reservation Indian Gaming. Testimony was heard from Mary Kay Papen, member, Senate, State of New Mexico; Steven J. Rauschenberger, member, Senate, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3626, Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005; H.R. 3967, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005; and 4195, Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Jack Garner, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Jim Shaw, Mayor, Rapid City, South Dakota; and a public witness.

DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 4241, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time des-

ignated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Emerson, Moran of Kansas, Flake, Allen, and Moore of Wisconsin.

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE COASTAL REGIONS OF THE U.S.

Committee on Science: Ordered adversely reported H. Res. 515, Of Inquiry requesting the President of the United States to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in his possession relating to the anticipated effects of climate change on the coastal regions of the United States.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005.

UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES; PROGRESS OF THE DNI

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing entitled "Unauthorized Disclosures." Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Progress of the Director of National Intelligence." Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.

HURRICANE KATRINA—PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE BY STATE OF ALABAMA

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Alabama." Testimony was heard from Michael Bolch, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the State of Alabama: Bob Riley, Governor; Bruce Baughman, Director, Emergency Management Agency; Jim Walker, Director, Department of Homeland Security; Walter Dickerson, Director, Mobile County Emergency Management Agency; and Leigh Anne Ryals, Director, Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency.

Joint Meetings**APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION/ TREASURY/HUD**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and

independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 10.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, and James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the development of New Basel Capital Accords, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the Wright amendment, which restricts travel into and out of Dallas Love Field for commercial flights with more than 56 seats, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, with the Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Edward F. Sproat III, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the existing particulate matter and ozone air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill pertaining to expiring tax provisions and additional incentives for hurricane affected areas, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the state interest in protecting children and families relating to pornography, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the rebuilding of VA assets on the Gulf Coast, 2 p.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 1445,

Workplace Religious Freedom Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protections, hearing entitled "Right to Repair: Industry Discussions and Legislative Options," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on medical countermeasures for nuclear attack, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on An Around-the-World Review of Public Diplomacy, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Broadcasting Board of Governors and Alhurra Television, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

NEPA Task Force, hearing on NEPA Litigation: The Causes, Effects and Solutions, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Act; H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1307, Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the Role of Social Science Research in Disaster Preparedness and Response, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2:30 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.